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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960

To the Members of the Biggleswade Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the health and sanitary circumstances for the Urban District of Biggleswade for the year 1960.

The adjusted death rate of 12.5 is slightly higher than that for England and Wales. Again diseases of the heart and blood vessels and cancer were the chief causes of death. There were three more deaths from cancer than in 1959.

The birth rate of 14.8 is considerably under that for England and Wales viz. 17.1 and the infant mortality rate of 23.8 is higher than the corresponding rate for last year viz 16.8. It is again pleasing to note that there were no maternal deaths.

There were 222 cases of measles notified during the year but no cases of Poliomyelitis were notified.

As I only took over this post towards the end of the year, there is no other comment I can usefully make on the health of the district during the year under review. I would like however, to thank Dr. Harvey for the helpful way in which he introduced me to the work in the district and also the members and my fellow officers of the Authority for the warm welcome I have received.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H.S. BURY.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|
| Area (in acres) | ... | ... | 4,647 | | |
| Registrar-General's estimate of Home Population | | | 8,160 | | |
| Number of inhabited houses end of 1960 | ... | ... | 2,580 | | |
| Rateable Value | ... | ... | £101,574 | | |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | ... | ... | £401. | 10. | 10. |

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

| <u>Live Births</u> | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | 61 | 60 | 121 |
| Illegitimate | ... | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 63 | 63 | 126 |

| | | |
|---|-----|------|
| Crude birth rate per 1,000 Home population | ... | 15.4 |
| Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 Home population | ... | 14.8 |
| Birth rate for England and Wales | ... | 17.1 |

| <u>Still Births</u> | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Illegitimate | ... | - | - | - |
| | | <u>2</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2</u> |

| | | |
|---|-----|------|
| Still Birth rate per 1,000 Total Births | ... | 15.6 |
| Still Birth rate for England and Wales | ... | 19.7 |

| <u>Deaths</u> | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| All Causes | ... | 60 | 72 | 132 |
| Crude death rate per 1,000 Home population | | | | 16.2 |
| Area Comparability Factor | | | | 0.77 |
| Adjusted death rate per 1,000 Home population | | | | 12.5 |
| Death rate for England and Wales | | | | 11.5 |
| Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth | | | | |
| From Sepsis | ... | | | - |
| From other causes | ... | | | - |

Deaths of infants under One Year of Age.

| | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Illegitimate | ... | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| | | |
|---|--|------|
| Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births | | 23.8 |
| Rate for England and Wales | | 21.7 |

| | | |
|--|--|------|
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 live births) | | 23.8 |
|--|--|------|

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 live births) | | 15.87 |
|---|--|-------|

| | | |
|--|--|-------|
| Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 live and stillbirths) | | 31.25 |
|--|--|-------|

Deaths from

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| Measles | ... | ... | - |
| Whooping Cough | ... | ... | - |
| Influenza | ... | ... | - |
| Cancer (all forms except Lung and Bronchus) | | | 24 |
| Cancer (Lung and Bronchus) | ... | | 7 |



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STATISTICAL TABLE 1951 - 1960.

| Year | DEATH RATE | | BIRTH RATE | | INFANT MORTALITY RATE | |
|------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Biggleswade Urban | England & Wales | Biggleswade Urban | England & Wales | Biggleswade Urban | England & Wales |
| 1951 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 16.8 | 29.6 |
| 1952 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 35.1 | 27.6 |
| 1953 | 13.7 | 11.4 | 11.7 | 15.5 | 11.5 | 26.8 |
| 1954 | 12.6 | 11.3 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 17.7 | 25.5 |
| 1955 | 15.0 | 11.7 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 24.9 |
| 1956 | 10.4 | 11.7 | 16.4 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 23.8 |
| 1957 | 9.1 | 11.5 | 14.2 | 16.1 | 18.0 | 23.0 |
| 1958 | 8.4 | 11.7 | 13.8 | 16.9 | 34.2 | 22.5 |
| 1959 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 22.0 |
| 1960 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 14.8 | 17.1 | 23.8 | 21.7 |

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1960.

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:-

| <u>Cause of Death</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | - |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other | - | - |
| 3. Syphilitic disease | - | - |
| 4. Diphtheria | - | - |
| 5. Whooping Cough | - | - |
| 6. Meningococcal infections | - | - |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - |
| 8. Measles | - | - |
| 9. Other infective and parastic diseases | - | - |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm stomach | 1 | 4 |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm lungs Bronchus | 5 | 2 |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 4 |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | 1 |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 6 | 7 |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | 1 |
| 16. Diabetes | - | 1 |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system | 10 | 16 |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina | 11 | 8 |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease... | 1 | - |
| 20. Other heart disease | 5 | 12 |
| 21. Other circulatory disease | 4 | 3 |
| 22. Influenza | - | - |
| 23. Pneumonia | 1 | 3 |
| 24. Bronchitis | 8 | - |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | - |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | - |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | - | - |
| 28. Nephritis, and nephrosis | - | - |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion... | - | - |
| 31. Congenital malformations | - | 1 |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 3 | 7 |
| 33. Motor vehicles accidents | 1 | - |
| 34. All other accidents | 1 | 2 |
| 35. Suicide | - | - |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total all causes | 60 | 72 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health -

C.A. Harvey, M.B., Ch.D., D.P.H. Retired 30.10.60.

Dr. H.S. Bury, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Appointed 1.11.60.

Sanitary Inspector, Engineer and Surveyor -

T. Wilson, M.I. Mun. E., M.R.S.H.

Laboratory Facilities.

The services of the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department, or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The Laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from all cases of suspected infectious disease, and advice and assistance is always available.

Services provided by the County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1946:

1. Ambulance:

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of all cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from hospitals or clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for the transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County :-

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Biggleswade : | Crab Lane. | Tel: Biggleswade 2295 |
| Bedford : | Bedford Road, Kempston. | Tel: Bedford 5335 and 5336. |

2. Midwifery and Domiciliary Nursing Services :

The County Council are the responsible Authority for these services. One midwife is available for Maternity cases, and one Nurse for Minor Medical and Surgical Cases.

Name and Address of Midwife :-

Miss H.P. Stafford,
38 Head End, Biggleswade.
(Tel.No. Biggleswade 3266)

Name and Address of District Nurse:-

Miss E. Dillistone,
2 High Street, Biggleswade.
(Tel. No. Biggleswade 3177)

3. Health Visiting :

Name and address of Health Visitor :-
Miss D. Hipkiss,
The Lawns Health Centre, Biggleswade.
(Tel.No.Biggleswade 2158).

4. Clinic :

Maternity and Child Welfare -
Child Welfare - "The Lawns", Biggleswade, Tuesday afternoons.
Ante and Post Natal - "The Lawns", Biggleswade, alternate
Tuesday mornings.

Services provided by the Regional Hospital Board :

1. Venereal Disease Clinic :

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing. The days and times of
attendance are :-
Males and Females - Wednesday, 5 - 7 p.m.
Friday 3 - 5 p.m.

2. Tuberculosis Clinic.

The Chest Clinic, Bedford General Hospital, North Wing,
Kimbolton Road, Bedford. The days and times of attendance are :-

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday | | 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. |) Females |
| | | 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. | |
| Wednesday | | 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. |) Contacts |
| | | 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. | |
| Thursday | | 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. |) Males |
| | | 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. | |
| Friday | | 9 a.m. to 1. 0 p.m. | B.C.G. VACCINATION. |

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply :

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board
and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples
have been taken periodically during the year and the results
have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic
and bacterial purity.

The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories
of a sample sent for examination on 19th March 1960 is typical :

Chemical Examination in parts per Million.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Appearance - Clear and bright. | |
| Colour | ... |
| Odour | ... |
| Turbidity | ... |
| Reaction pH. | ... |
| Free Carbon Dioxide | ... |
| Electric Conductivity | ... |
| Dissolved Solids dried at 180 deg.C. | ... |
| Chlorine present as Chloride... | ... |
| Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate | ... |
| Hardness : Total | ... |
| Carbonate | ... |
| Non-Carbonate | ... |

Chemical Examination in parts per Million (contd).

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Nitrate Nitrogen | ... | 0.8 |
| Nitrite Nitrogen | ... | ABSENT |
| Ammoniacal Nitrogen % | ... | 0.000 |
| Albuminoid Nitrogen % | ... | 0.000 |
| Metals - Iron | ... | ABSENT |
| " - Zinc, Copper, Lead and Manganese | | ABSENT |
| Oxygen absorbed | ... | 0.05 |
| Residual Chlorine | ... | ABSENT |

% To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

Bacteriological Results.

Number of Colonies developing on Agar -

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 day at 37 degs. C. ... | 0 per ml. |
| 2 days at 37 degs. C.... | 0 per ml. |
| 3 days at 20 degs. C.... | 0 per ml. |

| | Present in | Absent from | Probable Number |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Presumptive Coliform reaction | -ml | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Bact.coli (Type 1) | -ml | 100 ml. | 0 per 100 ml. |
| Cl.welchii reaction | -ml | 100 ml. | |

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance neutral in reaction and free from metals. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality.

These results indicate a water which, from the aspect of the chemical analysis, is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

Drainage and Sewage :

With the exception of a few cottages on the Langford Road and some outlying cottages, the whole of the area has a water carriage system. The sewage disposal plant has been working to capacity. The length of new sewers laid during the year is given in the Sanitary Inspector's report. The cesspools of the outlying un-sewered properties are emptied by arrangement.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

(a) General Statistics :

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1960.

| Disease | Total cases Notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Total registered deaths. |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | - | - |
| Measles | 222 | - | - |
| Total | 223 | - | - |

Analysis of Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year ended 31st December, 1960

| | Under 1 Year M. F. | 1 to 3 M. F. | 3 to 5 M. F. | 5 to 10 M. F. | 10 to 15 M. F. | 15 to 25 M. F. | 25 to 35 M. F. | 35 to 45 M. F. | 45 to 65 M. F. | 65 and upwards M. F. | Total all ages. |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Scarlet Fever. | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Measles | - | 33 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 64 | 61 | 3 | 6 | - | 1 |
| | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 222 |

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS.

Public Health Act, 1936, Sec.85

Scabies :

By arrangement with the Borough of Bedford, infected persons and contacts are treated at the Treatment Centre, Bedford.

Prevention of Blindness:

No action was necessary under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

School Closure :

It was not found necessary to close any schools in the area on account of infectious disease.

Eradication of Bed Bugs :

It was not found necessary to disinfect any houses during the year.

Thermatox disinfectors and Bombay liquid spray is available for use when required.

1. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The table given below shows the number of children under 15 years of age who have received protective treatment against Diphtheria. The County Council, under the National Health Service Act, 1946, provides this treatment free of charge through the family doctor or at school or a child Welfare Centre. The figures have been supplied by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer. It is still necessary to urge all parents to give their children the protection which can be had free of cost and their own doctor or at a Welfare Clinic or at School.

The number of cases of and deaths from Diphtheria have shown a remarkable decline since the introduction of immunisation and no case has been notified in the district for several years. In order to ensure that outbreaks of this disease will not occur in the future, it is necessary that at least 75 per cent of all children under the age of 15 years should be protected effectively against the disease, i.e. they should have had either a primary immunisation or a "booster" injection within the last five years.

Protection against Whooping Cough :

Since 1st November, 1955 the County Council have made facilities available for the protection against Whooping Cough of young children who have not had the disease and whose parents are desirous of having such protection given to their children. The Whooping Cough vaccine can be given alone or in combination with Diphtheria prophylactic.

Primary Immunisation completed during 1960.

TABLE I - DIPHTHERIA ONLY.

| Number of children during the year 1960 who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation in the Authority's area (including Temporary Residents). | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Age at 31.12.60 i.e. Born in yr. | Under 1 1960 | 1 1959 | 2 1958 | 3 1957 | 4 1956 | 5 - 9 1955 - 1951 | 10 - 14 1950-1946 | Total under 15. |
| No. Immunised | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | 8 |

TABLE II - DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION & WHOOPING COUGH COMBINED

| Age at 31.12.60 i.e. Born in yr. | Under 1 1960 | 1 1959 | 2 1958 | 3 1957 | 4 1956 | 5 - 9 1955- 1951 | 10 - 14 1950-1946 | Total under 15. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| No. Immunised | 20 | 68 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 104 |

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The County Council Scheme for the registration and vaccination against Poliomyelitis of the age groups as laid down by the Ministry of Health was continued through the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer.

Most of the children under 15 years and an increasing proportion of persons under 40 have now had the three injections necessary for full protection.

III Diphtheria Notification and Deaths in relation to Immunisation.

| Age at date of notification. | Number of cases notified | No. of cases included in preceding column in which child had completed full course of immunisation. | Age at date of death | Number of deaths | No of cases included in preceding column in which child had completed full course of immunisation. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
| Under 1 | - | - | Under 1 | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| 2 | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| 3 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | 4 | - | - |
| 5 to 9 | - | - | 5 to 9 | - | - |
| 10 to 14 | - | - | 10 to 14 | - | - |
| Totals | - | - | Totals | - | - |

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths.

| Age Period | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|----|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 65 & upwards | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 9 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

No action was taken under these regulations, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Page 13 included other
immunisation tables and at the
last moment it was decided not
to include this page in the
report as the figures related to
Schoolchildren attending schools
not strictly within the combined
districts of the M.O.H. but
within the Eastern Division of
the County.

Report of Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

Year ended 31st December, 1960.

Building Plans:

The following building plans were approved by the Council and work inspected and drains tested during course of construction:-

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| Dwellings | ... | ... | 160 |
| Alterations, additions, conversions | ... | ... | 25 |
| Garages | ... | ... | 16 |
| Caravans | ... | ... | 5 |
| Petrol Filling Station | ... | ... | 1 |
| Change of Use | ... | ... | 4 |
| Advertisement Signs | ... | ... | 2 |
| Greenhouses, agricultural buildings, | ... | ... | |
| store sheds etc | ... | ... | 10 |
| Electricity Sub Stations | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ambulance Depot (revision) | ... | ... | 1 |
| | | | <u>225</u> |

General Sanitary Inspections:

The following inspections were made and nuisances abated or defects remedied by informal action :-

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| Housing defects | ... | ... | 3418 |
| Unfit houses | ... | ... | 26 |
| Defective drains | ... | ... | 62 |
| Factories | ... | ... | 1 |
| Food Premises | ... | ... | - |
| Water Wastage | ... | ... | 603 |
| | | | <u>4110</u> |

Thirty-six inspections were made in connection with Rodent Control, treatment being necessary in 36 cases, and one test bating of sewers was carried out.

Meat and Other Foods:

Regular meat inspection duties have been carried out by the Council's staff at the three licensed slaughterhouses in the district. The following animals were slaughtered and inspected :-

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Steers and Heifers | ... | ... | 337 |
| Pigs | ... | ... | 516 |
| Sheep and Lambs | ... | ... | 511 |

The following foodstuffs were rejected as unfit for human consumption :-

Parts rejected :-

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Carcase meat | ... | ... | 119 lbs |
| Offal | ... | ... | 530 lbs |
| Tinned Meat | ... | ... | 17 lbs |

Factories and Workshops :

The following factories and workshops are registered :-

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Brewers | ... | ... | 1 |
| Millers | ... | ... | 3 |
| Motor and Cycle Engineers | ... | ... | 11 |
| General Engineers | ... | ... | 6 |
| Joiners | ... | ... | 4 |
| Plumbers | ... | ... | 5 |
| Printers | ... | ... | 2 |
| Tailors | ... | ... | 1 |
| Boot Repairers | ... | ... | 4 |
| Laundry | ... | ... | 1 |
| Caravans | ... | ... | 1 |
| Lingerie & Clothing Manufacturers | ... | ... | 2 |
| Bookbinding | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 16 |

House Scavenging :

An 18 cubic yard Denny "Paxit" refuse collection vehicle is used for the collection of all house and trade refuse, but is supplemented as required by a 10 cubic yard Karrier vehicle. In view of a continued increase in the quantity of refuse resulting from further development in the district, this additional assistance has been found to be increasingly necessary and consideration is now being given to proposals for an alteration of the collecting system to insure that the removal of refuse is maintained at regular weekly intervals. A bonus scheme for workmen is at present operated in connection with this service. Refuse disposal is effected by means of controlled tipping.

Waste paper is not collected, but the salvage of scrap metal and rags etc. has been continued and is undertaken during the course of normal refuse collection. A bonus scheme is in operation for this work and a proportion of the income from the sale of salvage is paid to the collectors. The collections during the year were as follows:-

| | <u>Tons</u> | <u>Cwts</u> | <u>Qrs.</u> | <u>Lbs</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Scrap Iron | 2 | 5 | 2 | - |
| Mixed Aluminium | | 5 | 0 | 21 |
| Brass and Copper | | - | 6 | 1 |
| Rags | 1 | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| Bottles | | 45 doz. | | |

Sewerage:-

676 lin.yds of 24" - 15", 503 lin.yds. of 12" - 6" surface water sewers, and 150 lin.yds. of 9" and 6" foul sewers were laid to serve the Councils housing estate at Mead End and Dells Lane.

In addition 7 new connections were made to existing sewers.

Water Supply:-

A length of 422 lin.yds of 4" C.I. watermain was laid in Mead End to serve the Councils housing estate. 180 lin.yds. of 3" C.I. watermain were also laid for private housing estates at St. Margarets Gardens and St.Andrews Street.

Twenty four new connections were made to the Council's existing mains.

The total consumption of water for the year, inclusive of trade supplies, was 144,752,000 gallons. This shows an increase of approximately 30,000,000 gallons on the figures for the previous year. The overall daily average consumption of water was approximately 48 gallons per head of the population, the average domestic consumption being 35 gallons per head.

603 inspections for water wastages were made. 3 Notices were served requiring repairs to prevent waste and 532 taps were rewashered free of charge.

Housing :

21 houses at the Elm Road/Mead End site, being the balance of a scheme for 23 houses and 2 old peoples bungalows commenced during 1959, were completed during the year.

The construction of a further scheme for 31 houses, 9 two bedroom bungalows and 8 single bedroom old peoples bungalows at the Mead End site, was commenced in June of this year.

Contracts were also let for the erection of a further 49 houses at Mead End/Dells Lane site, and three bungalows at Hitchmead Road.

A block of five garages was erected on an existing housing estate at Sutton Avenue, and the conversion of the remaining Duplex flats into houses was completed.

38 private houses were erected in the district during the year.

T. WILSON, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

Stratton House,
The Baulk,
Biggleswade.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I

1. Inspections:

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of Inspections | Number of Written Notices. | Number of Occupiers prosecuted |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 9 | - | - | - |
| 2. Factories not included in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 49 | 1 | - | - |
| 3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises) | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 58 | 1 | - | - |

2. Cases in which defects were found :

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. |
|---|---|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector. | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of clean liness. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conv. | | | | | |
| a. Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| b. Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| c. Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | - | - |

PART VIII

Outwork.

| Nature of Work. | Section 110 | | | Section 111 | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|---------------|
| | No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council. | No of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. | No of instances of work in unwholesome premises. | Notices Served. | Prosecutions. |
| Wearing apparel (making). | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |

